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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 19, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. William Smith, Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we acknowledge and give thanks for the divine order of creation. We are grateful for natural law. We are grateful for revealed law. We are grateful for this Nation in which we live by the rule of law to establish justice for all our people.

Bless this Congress and all the lawmakers who serve our Nation. We pray, too, for those who have the responsibility to enforce law and those charged with the duty of adjudication of law. May all of them, working together, make us a more perfect Union.

We offer ourselves and our work to You. We confess that even at our best, we need Your gracious providence. Guide us. Forgive us. Sustain us.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. JENKINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. JENKINS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5014. An act to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 736. An act to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-567, the Chair, on behalf of the Minority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board:

William A. Burck of the District of Columbia.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. WILLIAM SMITH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas, Congressman CULBERSON, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

(Mr. CULBERSON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker and Members, born in Kentucky, Dr. Wil-

liam H. Smith has pastored Memorial Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia, for the past 19 years. He preached his first sermon there on Father's Day, 1991, which was appropriate as he and his wife, Judy Bracewell Smith, who hails from my hometown of Houston, Texas, are the proud parents of Justin, a physician; Luke, a pastor; and Jason, a surgeon. His family also includes Justin's wife, Mairin, and their precious daughter, Adelaide, Bill and Judy's first grandchild. Bill's parents, Anna and Henry Smith, were powerful models of a Christian home for Bill and his brother, Andre. The students at the Leland Center for Theological Studies where he teaches biblical studies call him Professor. His granddaughter, Adelaide, calls him Pal. And I am proud to call him my teacher and friend.

May God bless you always, Bill and Judy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in response to the Chamber of Commerce's recent claim that U.S. free trade agreements have supported 5.4 million jobs. I want someone to show those jobs to me because they certainly aren't in Michigan or my district. Michigan has the highest unemployment in the country. In my hometown of Flint, Michigan, the unemployment rate is nearly 30 percent. At one time, we had nearly 80,000 auto jobs. Now we have about 6,000.

With every free trade agreement, we continue to send more jobs overseas

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